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SUBJECT: KEY ROC ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR NOVEMBER 1975

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1. HIGHLIGHTS: FOREIGN TRADE IN NOVEMBER 1975 ON CUSTOMS BASIS CONTINUED RISING TREND TO REACH ALL TIME HIGH \$1.02 BILLION, EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WORTH \$49 MILLION AND \$542 MILLION, RESPECTIVELY, WERE ALSO HIGHEST SO FAR IN 1975. HOWEVER, CUMULATIVE EXPORTS \$4.71 BILLION AND IMPORTS \$5.27 BILLION IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1975 REPRESENTED DECREASES OF 8.1 PERCENT AND 16.0 PERCENT FROM SAME MONTHS A YEAR AGO DUE TO MUCH SMALLER TRADE IN FIRST NINE MONTHS 1975. TRADE DEFICIT FOR FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS 1975 ABOUT ONE-HALF OF DEFICIT IN SAME PERIOD 1974, \$563 MILLION COMPARED TO \$1.15 BILLION RESPECTIVELY. INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX FOR NOVEMBER 1975 CONTINUED TO RISE; ITS AVERAGE OF 147.6 FOR JANUARY-NOVEMBER (1971 EQUAL 100) SHOWED A 3.51 PERCENT INCREASE OVER SAME PERIOD 1974 (INCLUDING INCREASES OF 1.5 PERCENT

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IN MANUFACTURING, 23.6 PERCENT IN CONSTRUCTION AND 10.8

PERCENT IN UTILITIES). ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL PREDICTED A 2.8 PERCENT OVERALL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN 1975 BASED ON ABOVE-MENTIONED INDUSTRIAL PERFORMANCE PLUS A NEGATIVE 2.2 PERCENT GROWTH IN AGRICULTURE (CONSISTING OF -1.4 PERCENT IN CROP PRODUCTION, ALTHOUGH RICE PRODUCTION REACHED ALL TIME HIGH OF 2.5 MILLION METRIC TONS; 8.7 PERCENT IN FISHERY; -10.1 PERCENT IN ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND -9.9 PERCENT IN FOREST PRODUCTION). DESPITE BETTER PROSPECTS IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, MANY MANUFACTURERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES - SLOWER TURN-OVER, LARGE IDLE CAPACITY RESULTING FROM ILL-PLANNED EXPANSION IN 1973, HIGHER WAGE COST AND PROLONGED CURTAILMENT IN PROFITS. THE GROC ON 11/27/75 PROMULGATED A 7-POINT PROGRAM TO ASSIST EXPORT SECTOR PRINCIPALLY BY EXTENDING 120 DAYS REPAYMENT OF MATURED LOANS AND ALSO CENTRAL BANK'S RELENDING FACILITIES FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF COMMERCIAL BANK LOANS (SEE EMBASSY'S A-249 AND TAIPEI 7771 FOR DETAILS). THESE MEASURES ARE MODERATE, TEMPORARY, AND WILL AT MOST HELP TIDE INDUSTRIES OVER LIQUIDITY SHORTAGE DURING PERIOD OF TWO NEW YEARS (CALENDAR AND LUNAR). ON OTHER HAND MONEY SUPPLY ENDING NOVEMBER REGISTERED 28.6 PERCENT GROWTH OVER NOVEMBER 1974; ONLY REASON THAT IT HAS NOT YET AFFECTED PRICES IS PROBABLY DUE TO LOW VELOCITY AND OVERHANG IN INVENTORIES. FOREIGN INVESTMENT APPROVALS TOTALED \$17.5 MILLION IN NOVEMBER OF WHICH 76.5 PERCENT IDENTIFIED AS US ORIGIN; THIS TOTAL COMPARED WITH \$4.3 MILLION IN PRECEDING MONTH AND \$5.5 MILLION IN NOVEMBER 1974. MONTHLY INVESTMENT DATA FLUCTUATES WIDELY AND CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT APPROVALS IN JANUARY-NOVEMBER 1975 AMOUNTING TO \$93.5 MILLION SHOWED A DECREASE OF 43 PERCENT FROM \$167 MILLION IN SAME PERIOD 1974.

2. KEY ROC ECONOMIC INDICATORS FOR NOVEMBER 1975:  
FOR EACH ITEM CURRENT MONTH FIGURE IS GIVEN FIRST (A)  
THEN, AS APPROPRIATE, PREVIOUS MONTH (B), CURRENT MONTH  
PREVIOUS YEAR (C), PERCENT CHANGE CURRENT OVER PREVIOUS  
MONTH (D), PERCENT CHANGE CURRENT MONTH OVER SAME MONTH  
PREVIOUS YEAR (E), CUMULATIVE FIGURE CURRENT YEAR (F),  
CUMULATIVE FIGURE PREVIOUS YEAR (G), AND PERCENT CHANGE  
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CUMULATIVE CURRENT YEAR OVER PREVIOUS YEAR (H), FIGURES  
REVISED SINCE PREVIOUS REPORT UNDERLINED. ALL VALUES IN  
US DOLLARS AND ROUNDED.

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MONEY SUPPLY: (A) \$2,665 MILLION, (B) \$2,656 MILLION,  
(C), \$2,071 MILLION, (D) 0.34 PERCENT, (E) 28.65 PERCENT.

NET FOREIGN ASSETS OF BANKING SYSTEM: (A) \$1,913 MILLION,  
(B) \$1,947 MILLION, (C) \$1,788 MILLION, (D) -1.73 PERCENT,  
(E) 6.97 PERCENT.

IMPORTS ON CUSTOMS BASIS: (A) \$541.5 MILLION, (B) \$519.5  
MILLION, (C) \$433.0 MILLION, (D) 4.23 PERCENT, (E)  
25.06 PERCENT, (F) \$5,274.4 MILLION, (G) \$6,277.6 MILLION,  
(H) -15.98 PERCENT.

EXPORTS ON CUSTOMS BASIS: (A) \$478.7 MILLION, (B) \$475.7  
MILLION, (C) \$396.1 MILLION, (D) 0.63 PERCENT, (E) 20.85  
PERCENT, (F) \$4,710.8 MILLION, (G) \$5,128.6 MILLION,  
(H) -8.15 PERCENT.

TRADE BALANCE: (A) -\$62.8 MILLION, (B) -\$43.8 MILLION,  
(C) -\$36.9 MILLION, (F) -\$563.6 MILLION, (G) -\$1,149.0 MILLION.

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IMPORTS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT BASIS: (A) \$474.1 MILLION, (B) \$533.4 MILLION, (C) \$419.6 MILLION, (D) -11.12 PERCENT, (E) 12.99 PERCENT, (F) \$5,009.9 MILLION, (G) \$5,799.8 MILLION, (H) -13.62 PERCENT.

EXPORTS ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE SETTLEMENT BASIS: (A) \$520.6 MILLION, (B) \$511.5 MILLION, (C) \$448.0 MILLION, (D) 1.78 PERCENT, (E) 16.21 PERCENT, (F) \$5,219.2 MILLION, (G) \$5,248.4 MILLION, (H) -0.56 PERCENT.

TRADE BALANCE ON FOREIGN EXCHANGE BASIS: (A) \$46.5 MILLION, (B) -\$21.9 MILLION, (C) \$28.4 MILLION, (F) \$209.3 MILLION, (G) -\$551.4 MILLION.

IMPORTS FROM US (CUSTOMS): (F) \$1,478.8 MILLION, (G) \$1,569.8 MILLION, (H) -5.8 PERCENT.

EXPORTS TO US (CUSTOMS): (F) \$1,594.2 MILLION, (G) \$1,871.8 MILLION, (H) -14.8 PERCENT.

TRADE BALANCE WITH US: (F) \$115.4 MILLION, (G) \$302.0 MILLION, (H) -61.79 PERCENT.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1971 EQUAL 100): (A) 160.5 (B) 159.0, (C) 125.3, (D) 0.94 PERCENT, (E) 28.09 PERCENT, (F) 147.6, (G) 142.6, (H) 3.51 PERCENT.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX (1971 EQUAL 100): (A) 172.57, (B) 173.01, (C) 172.18, (D) -0.25 PERCENT, (E) 0.23 PERCENT, (F) 171.28, (G) 181.16, (H) -5.45 PERCENT.

URBAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1971 EQUAL 100): (A) 175.57, (B) 176.99, (C) 173.13, (D) -0.80 PERCENT, (E) 1.41 PERCENT, (F) 172.95, (G) 163.60, (H) 5.72 PERCENT.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT APPROVAL VALUE: (A) \$17,497,000, (B) \$4,318,000, (C) \$5,461,000, (D) 305.21 PERCENT, (E) 220.40 PERCENT, (F) \$93,527,000, (G) \$167,073,000, (H) -44.02 PERCENT.

US INVESTMENT APPROVALS: (F) \$39,409,000, (G) \$19,946,000, UNCLASSIFIED

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(H) 97.6 PERCENT; INCLUDED IN ABOVE (F) A BOOKKEEPING TRANSFER OF \$6 MILLION EQUITY INVESTMENT FROM AMOCO INTERNATIONAL LTD., BERMUDA (CLASSIFIED AS OTHER FOREIGN) TO AMOCO CHEMICAL CORP., USA (CLASSIFIED AS US INVESTMENT) WHICH ALSO INFLATES (H) ABOVE.

3. KEY PRODUCTION FIGURES FOR NOVEMBER, 1975:

POWER GENERATION (MILLIONHVJMOWATT HOURS): (A) 1.966.6,  
(B) 2,134.9, (C) 1,629.7, (D) -7.88 PERCENT, (E) 20.67  
PERCENT, (F) 20,884.6, (G) 18,850.7, (H) 10.79 PERCENT.

YARN (1,000 BALES): (A) 149.8, (B) 143.0, (C) 93.8, (D)  
4.76 PERCENT, (E) 59.70 PERCENT, (F) 1,370.7, (G)  
1,173.2, (H) 16.83 PERCENT.

MAN-MADE FIBER (METRIC TON): (A) 30,980, (B) 30,671,  
(C) 12,517, (D) 1.01 PERCENT, (E) 147.50 PERCENT, (F)  
257,212, (G) 177,113, (H) 45.22 PERCENT.

PLASTIC POWDER (METRIC TON): (A) 21,000, (B) 20,000,  
(C) 9,202, (D) 5.00 PERCENT, (E) 128.21 PERCENT, (F)  
162,520, (G) 129,471, (H) 25.53 PERCENT.

FERTILIZER (1,000 M/T): (A) 103.0, (B) 88.9, (C) 81.9,  
(D) 15.86 PERCENT, (E) 25.76 PERCENT, (F) 1,032.6, (G)  
1,007.2, (H) 2.52 PERCENT.

OIL REFINING (1,000 KILO LITER): (A) 743.7, (B) 881.4,  
(C) 711.3, (D) -15.62 PERCENT, (E) 4.56 PERCENT, (F)  
8,172.7, (G) 8,332.9, (H) -1.92 PERCENT.

CEMENT (1,000 M/T): (A) 660.0, (B) 602.6, (C) 510.8,  
(D) 9.53 PERCENT, (E) 20.21 PERCENT, (F) 6,144.1, (G)  
5,638.4, (H) 8.97 PERCENT.

STEEL MILL PRODUCTS (1,000 M/T): (A) 93.0, (B) 87.5,  
(C) 74.7, (D) 6.29 PERCENT, (E) 24.50 PERCENT, (F)  
850.5, (G) 947.8, (H) -10.27 PERCENT.

TELEVISION (1,000 PIECES): (A) 315.0, (B) 280.5,  
(C) 336.3, (D) 12.30 PERCENT, (E) -6.33 PERCENT, (F)  
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2,701.6, (G) 3,748.4, (H) -27.93 PERCENT.

AUTOMOBILE TIRES (1,000 PIECES): (A) 69.0, (B) 68.0,  
(C) 51.0, (D) 1.47 PERCENT, (E) 35.29 PERCENT, (F)  
665.0, (G) 732.0, (H) -9.15 PERCENT.

COAL (1,000 M/T): (A) 270.0, (B) 268.3, (C) 254.6, (D)  
0.63 PERCENT, (E) 6.05 PERCENT, (F) 2,832.2, (G) 2,656.2,  
(H) 6.63 PERCENT.  
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